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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/768,534	Applicant(s) BHAKTA ET AL.	
	Examiner Ly D Pham	Art Unit 2818	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 13 and 15-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-12 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Pre-amendment filed March 01, 2004 has been entered.
2. Applicant's Information Disclosure Statements, IDSs, filed April 01 and June 01, 2004 have been considered.

Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. **Claims 1 – 8, 13, and 15 – 17** are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,751,113 B2. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because each and every limitation claimed in the application has been previously claimed in the indicated patent.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. **Claims 9 – 12, and 14** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior arts fail to teach a memory module as disclosed in claims 1, further comprising:

The length of corresponding data lines of the first plurality of data lines connecting data pins of the first row of integrated circuits to the common signal trace connector area are substantially the same as those of the second plurality of data lines connecting data pins of the second row of integrated circuits to the common signal trace connector area.

AND

the PCB has a line of bilateral symmetry which is substantially perpendicular to the edge; the line of bilateral symmetry bisects the first side into a first lateral half and a second lateral half; the first and second lateral portions comprise the first and second lateral halves, respectively, wherein

the first number of integrated circuits on the first lateral portion and the second number of integrated circuits on the second lateral portion are equal, and the third number equals the fourth number, and the first number is less than the third number.

AND

the first addressing register and the second addressing register access data bits of non-contiguous subsets of data word, wherein the first addressing register accesses data

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bits 0 – 15 and data bits 32 – 47; and the second addressing register accesses data bits 16 – 31 and data bits 48 – 63.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
10. When responding to the office action, Applicant(s) are advised to provide the examiner with the page and line numbers in the application and/or references cited to assist the examiner to locate the appropriate paragraphs.
11. Any inquiry concerning this communication on earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ly Pham, whose telephone number is (571) 202-1793. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm, alternate Friday off. The examiner's supervisor, David Nelms, can be reached at (571) 272-1787. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-308-7724.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

Ly Pham



August 7, 2004



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PRIMARY EXAMINER